

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 2,086 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1881, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Old Mint at San Francisco, otherwise known as the "Granite Lady";

S. 633, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

S. 2784, to award a congressional gold medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama, in recognition of his many enduring and outstanding contributions to peace, non-violence, human rights, and religious understanding.

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND EXCHANGE RATE POLICIES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the report to Congress on International Economic and Exchange Rate Policies, after receiving testimony from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSUMER'S CHOICE AND BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held a hearing to examine S. 2686, to amend the Communications Act of 1934, receiving testimony from former Representative Steve Largent, on behalf of the CTIA—The Wireless Association; Mayor Michael A. Guido, Dearborn, Michigan, on behalf of the United States Conference of Mayors and sundry organizations; Philip McClelland, Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate, Harrisburg, on behalf of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates; Kyle McSlarrow, National Cable and Telecommunications Association, Walter B. McCormick, Jr., United States Telecom Association (USTelecom), Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, on behalf of the Consumer Federation of America, and Free Press, and Joslyn Read, Satellite Industry Association, all of Washington, DC; Julia L. Johnson, Video Access Alliance, Tallahassee, Florida; and Shirley A. Bloomfield, National Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Arlington,

Virginia, on behalf of the Coalition to Keep America Connected.

Hearing continues on Thursday, May 25.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2802, to improve American innovation and competitiveness in the global economy, with amendments.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of W. Ralph Basham, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security.

Also, Committee approved recommendations relative to proposed legislation implementing the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement.

IRAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine Iran's political and nuclear ambitions and the enrichment of uranium, focusing on the United Nations Security Council, and the prospect of direct talks with the government of Iran, after receiving testimony from Frank G. Wisner, American International Group, Inc., New York, New York; Vali R. Nasr, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California; and Julia Nanay, PFC Energy, and James A. Phillips, Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.

NEPAL

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded a hearing to examine recent political developments in Nepal, focusing on the role of the United States to support democracy, security and prosperity in Nepal, after receiving testimony from Richard A. Boucher, Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs; Deepak Thapa, Columbia University, and Sam Zarifi, Human Rights Watch, both of New York, New York; and John Norris, International Crisis Group, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Robert Irwin Cusick, Jr., of Kentucky, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics, Office of Personnel Management, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator McConnell, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

UNOBLIGATED BALANCES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International

Security concluded a hearing to examine unobligated balances, focusing on their treatment by Federal agencies and how they impact their budgeting and programming process, including what happens to these accounts when they expire, and how the Office of Management and Budget, Department of the Treasury, and the agencies treat them, after receiving testimony from Phyllis F. Scheinberg, Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Budget and Programs, and Chief Financial Officer; Lee J. Lofthus, Deputy Assistant Attorney General/Controller, Department of Justice; John P. Roth, Deputy Comptroller for Program Budget, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Department of Defense; Charles E. Johnson, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Budget, Technology and Finance; and Robert J. Henke, Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Management.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of General Michael V. Hayden, United States Air Force, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, after the

nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR SENIORS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine caring for seniors during a national emergency, including issues that surfaced as a result of the 2005 hurricanes, focusing on challenges faced by hospital and nursing home administrators that are related to hurricane evacuations, the Federal program that supports the evacuation of patients needing hospital care and nursing home residents, and challenges States and localities face in preparing for and carrying out the evacuation of transportation-disadvantaged populations and efforts to address evacuation needs, after receiving testimony from Daniel W. Sutherland, Officer, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, and Chair, Interagency Coordinating Council on Emergency Preparedness and Individuals with Disabilities, Department of Homeland Security; Cynthia Bascetta, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Amy B. Aiken, Miami-Dade Office of Emergency Management, Miami, Florida; Carmel Bitondo Dyer, Baylor College of Medicine Geriatrics Program at the Harris County Hospital District, Houston, Texas, on behalf of the American Geriatrics Society; Maurice Frisella, New Orleans, Louisiana; and Jean Cefalu, Slidell, Louisiana.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 5416–5425; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 820–822 were introduced. **Pages H2832–33**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2833–34, H2890–91**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2007 (H. Rept. 109–471); and

H. Res. 821, providing for consideration H.R. 5385, making appropriations for the military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007 (H. Rept. 109–472).

Pages H2832, H2889

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bonner to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2761**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Chaplain Blaine Maurice Stout, Jr., Office of the Army Chief of Chaplains, Arlington, Virginia.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, May 16th:

Condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in Dabab and Northern Sinai, Egypt, on April 24 and 26, 2006: H. Res. 795, to condemn in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in Dahab and Northern Sinai, Egypt, on April 24 and 26, 2006, by a ye-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 162.

Pages H2773–74

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2007: The House passed H.R. 5386, to make appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September